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SUBJECT: ENERGY ISSUES AND PRG

1. SUMMARY. IN CONTEXT DISCUSSION TACTICS/STRATEGIES EMPLOYED ENHANCE PRG POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SVN AMB LE VAN LOI REFERRED TO JAN 22 MTG OF GROUP 77 AT GENEVA RELATING TO RECENT FRENCH INITIATIVE CONVENE TRIPARTITE MEETING ON ENERGY PROBLEMS WITH REPS FROM OECD, OPEC AND GRP-77 AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SELECTION GRP-77 REPS WOULD BE DICTATED BY SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES THAT WOULD RESULT IN EXCLUSION OF SVN, (AS WELL AS ROK, KHMER AND CHILEANS) FROM PARTICIPATION IN LDC STRATEGY.

2. ACCORDING VAN LOI, GRP-77 MEETING CALLED TO CONSIDER REACTIONS TO FRENCH COMMUNICATION TO
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CERTAIN COUNTRIES (HE KNEW ONLY OF LETTER TO SAUDIS)

PROPOSING TRIPARTITE PREPCOM IN MARCH 1975 AT PARIS OF SENIOR REPS OECD, OPEC, AND GRP-77 TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR MINISTERIAL LEVEL MTG IN JULY ON ENERGY ISSUES. FRENCH PROPOSAL, WHICH NOT CIRCULATED AT MTG, REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED THAT ATTENDANCE JULY MIN-LEVEL MTG BE LIMITED TO TWELVE, FOUR EACH FROM OECD, OPEC AND GRP-77, BUT ALLOWED THAT PREPCOM MIGHT WISH TO CHANGE REPRESENTATIVE FORMULA.

3. VAN LOI, THOUGH HEARTNED BY FACT THAT FRENCH PROPOSAL SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS GRP-77 PARTICIPATION, FEARS THAT DAKAR CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED CONSULTATIONS, TO WHICH SVN WILL NOT BE PARTY, MAY RESULT IN PRESSURES LEADING TO ENHANCEMENT OF "NON-ALIGNED" PRG POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY FIELD DISCUSSIONS TO DETRIMENT OF SVN. RECOGNIZING THAT VIEW FROM GENEVA NECESSARILY A PAROCHIAL ONE ON SUCH MATTERS OF GLOBAL INTEREST, VAN LOI NEVERTHELESS IS WARY OF PRE-EMPTION OF GRP-77 POSITION BY NON-ALIGNED GROUP. ABRAMS

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